

COUNTRY	AREA (SQ MI)	URBAN POP. %	CAPITAL	LANGUAGES	POLITICAL SYSTEM & HEAD OF GOVERNMENT	DATE OF ORIGIN	LITERACY RATE (%)	PER CAPITA GDP	COUNTRY
	POPULATION	POP. RISE %/YEAR				% OF POP. UNDER 15	LIFE EXPECTANCY	HDI	
Somalia	246,201	45	Mogadishu	Somali, Arabic, Italian, English	Presidential-parliamentary system (transitional); President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed	1960	50/26	NA	Bahr
	15,182,000	3.2				47	55/58	NA	
South Africa	471,359	66	Cape Town, Pretoria, and Bloemfontein	English, Afrikaans, Zulu, Xhosa, Swazi, Sotho, others	Parliamentary democracy; President Cyril Ramaphosa	1910	95/93	\$13,600	Cypr
	57,726,000	1.2				30	61/67	0.699	
South Sudan	248,777	20	Juba	Arabic, Dinka, Nuer, English, others	Presidential-legislative system (transitional); President Salva Kiir	2011	40/16	\$1,600	Egyp
	12,965,000	2.6				42	56/58	0.388	
Sudan	712,280	36	Khartoum	Arabic, Nubian, Ta Bedawie, English, others	Military in transition after coup; General Abdel-Fattah Burhan	1956	83/69	\$4,300	Iran
	41,679,000	2.7				41	63/66	0.502	
Tanzania	364,963	34	Dar es Salaam and Dodoma	Kiswahili, English, Arabic, others	Presidential-parliamentary system; President John Magufuli	1964	83/73	\$3,200	Iraq
	59,091,000	3.3				45	64/67	0.538	
Togo	21,853	42	Lomé	French, Ewe, Mina, Dagomba, Kabye	Dominant party; President Faure Gnassingbé	1960	77/51	\$1,700	Israe
	7,991,000	2.5				42	59/61	0.503	
Tunisia	63,170	68	Tunis	Arabic, French, Berber	Presidential-parliamentary democracy; President (chosen in October 2019 runoff election)	1956	90/74	\$11,900	Jord
	11,572,000	1.4				24	75/78	0.735	
Uganda	93,263	24	Kampala	English, Luganda, Swahili, others	Dominant party; President Yoweri Museveni	1962	85/72	\$2,400	Kua
	44,084,000	3.2				48	62/64	0.516	
Zambia	290,585	44	Lusaka	English, Bemba, Tonga, others	Presidential-legislative system; President Edgar Lungu	1964	71/56	\$4,000	Leba
	17,684,000	3.1				45	59/64	0.588	
Zimbabwe	150,872	32	Harare	English, Shona, Sindebele, others	Presidential-legislative system; President Emmerson Mnangagwa	1980	89/85	\$2,300	Oma
	14,030,000	2.4				39	58/62	0.535	

Political Systems Around the World

Communist one-party state:

Land and businesses are government-owned, and individual and political freedoms are severely limited. (Example: North Korea) The definition has become muddled, since China and Vietnam now allow a substantial amount of private enterprise.

Constitutional monarchy: A king or queen is head of state but has limited power. An elected parliament (legislature) chooses the prime minister, who leads the government. (Bhutan)

Dominant party: A system in which one political party rules. Other parties may exist but have relatively little power. (Russia)

Military rule: The leader of a country's armed forces controls the government. (Thailand)

Monarchy: A king, queen, or prince rules the government, usually for life and by hereditary right. (Saudi Arabia)

One-party dictatorship: A single party and its leader hold power. (Eritrea)

Parliamentary democracy: Voters elect the parliament. A prime minister, usually leader of the party with the most seats in parliament, heads the government. (Canada)

Presidential dictatorship: The president has almost complete power. (Syria)

Presidential-legislative democracy: An elected president leads the government, sharing power with a legislature and with the courts. (Brazil)

Presidential-parliamentary democracy: An elected president is chief executive. A prime minister leads the government. (Croatia)

Traditional chiefs: A body of tribal leaders plays a role in governing. (Marshall Islands)

Notes on Country Data

Head of government: The person most responsible for running the government. Many countries have both a head of government and a head of state. For example, Queen Elizabeth II is the head of state in the United Kingdom, but Prime Minister Boris Johnson runs the government.

Literacy rate: Experts question some of the estimates provided. A single number means a gender breakdown is not available.

Per capita gross domestic product (GDP): This figure is given in U.S. dollars. The numbers are adjusted to account for differences in the cost of living from country to country.

NA: Figures not available.